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SUBJ: ALBERT SCHWEITZER HOSPITAL

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO

YAOUNDE FOR RDO

REF: STATE 027379

1. MAX CAULET, ADMINISTRATOR OF HOSPITAL AND MEMBER OF FOUNDATION, BROUGHT TO EMBASSY FEBRUARY 7 COMPLETE FILE CONTAINING ALL DETAILED ARCHITECTURAL PLANS ALONG WITH FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL.

2. CAULET STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT FOUNDATION WAS ALREADY FULLY OPERATIVE LEGAL ENTITY IN GABON, CREATED AT REQUEST OF GOG AND FULLY RECOGNIZED BY GOG WHICH HAS APPOINTED TWO GABONESE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON IT. CAULET ALSO STATES ACTUAL BY-LAWS (NOT REPEAT NOT DRAFT BY-LAWS) OF FOUNDATION APPROVED BY AISL SEPTEMBER 29, 1974. FYI. IT WAS CLEAR DURING SCHWEITZER CENTENNIAL CEREMONY AT WHICH CORNERSTONE OF NEW HOSPITAL LAID THAT GABONESE OFFICIALS CONSIDER FOUNDATION TO BE ORGANISM RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING HOSPITAL AND BUILDING NEW ONE. END FYI.

3. CAULET STATES THAT HE HAS CONTRACT READY FOR
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SIGNING WITH BUILDING COMPANY WHICH HAS EQUIPMENT

CURRENTLY LOCATED IN LAMBARENE AND WHICH, IF CONTRACT SIGNED BY END FEBRUARY, COULD BEGIN WORK IN EARLY MAY. IF THIS DEADLINE CANNOT BE MET, COMPANY WILL MOVE ITS EQUIPMENT FROM LAMBARARENE TO TAKE ON OTHER JOBS AVAILABLE TO IT AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START HOSPITAL UNTIL END OF 1976. CAULET POINTS OUT THAT COSTS WILL INEVITABLY RISE SHARPLY BOTH BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND BECAUSE OF NEED TO BRING EQUIPMENT BACK TO LAMBARENE.

4. ACCORDING TO CAULET IT IMPORTANT THAT AID FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE SOONEST AND THERE NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY TO FOUNDATION.

5. COMMENT: CLEAR THAT VIEWS OF FOUNDATION DIFFER FROM THOSE OF AISL AND WE UNDERSTAND AID'S DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION. IN VIEW OF FACT, HOWEVER, THAT PROJECT MAY BE SERIOUSLY ASPECTED BY OUR ACTIONS, IMPORTANT THAT AID REACH RAPID DECISION CONCERNING BEST METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING AID GRANT TO HOSPITAL. WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE THEREFORE THAT REDSO AND RDO REPS COME TO GABON SOONEST, PERHAPS WITH LEGAL EXPERT, TO EXAMINE SITUATION.

6. CAULET TIMETABLE MAY BE UNREALISTIC BUT PERHAPS HE COULD MOVE AHEAD ON BASIS OF GOG FUNDS IF HE COULD BE ASSURED THAT AID FUNDS WOULD FOLLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF GRANT.

7. ALTHOUGH AID EXPERTS BEST ABLE TO CLARIFY FOUNDATION STATUS, WOULD APPEAR TO EMBASSY THAT AISL ANXIOUS TO PLAY ROLE FO FUNNELING AID FUNDS TO FOUNDATION IN ORDER TO REASSERT MEASURE OF CONTROL OVER HOSPITAL WHICH AISL PREVIOUSLY HAD BUT WAS OBLIGED TO SURRENDER AT TIME OF CREATION OF FOUNDATION (UNDER THREAT OF MASS RESIGNATIONS IN LAMBARENE). WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO EMBASSY THAT DIRECT DEALING BETWEEN AID AND FOUNDATION, IF LEGALLY POSSIBLE, WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE. IN ANY CASE, BEST WAY TO SORT MATTER OUT WOULD SEEM TO BE FOR AID REPS TO COME HERE WHERE ALL PLANS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND EXAMINE SITUATION ON SPOT RATHER THAN AWAIT CLARIFICATION FROM AISL IN U.S.
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8. WILL HOLD HERE PLANS AND DATA PROVIDED BY CAULET IN EVENT AID CONCURS IN SENDING REPS HERE. WILL OTHERWISE FORWARD TO WASHINGTON IF DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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